

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 0214

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, BA  
SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTITNS

REF: (A) MANAMA 0080 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 0761

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME JAN 24 THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE BELIEVED BAHRAIN SHOULD ADHERE TO ALL THREE CONVENTIONS. HE SAID QUESTION HAD BEEN SENT TO MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT SHIRAWI, WHO HAS CIVIL RESPONSIBILITIES, FOR STUDY.

2. LATER JAN 24 I RAISED ISSUE WITH SHIRAWI WHO SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT BAHRAIN ADHERE TO THE THREE CONVENTIONS. HOWEVER, HE FIRST WANTED TO EXPLORE QUESTION WITH OTHER GULF STATES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH WHICH BAHRAIN SHARES OWNERSHIP OF GULF AIR. I ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT BAHRAIN'S ADHERENCE WOULD DEPEND UPON JOINT ACTION. SHIRAWI SAID IT WOULD NOT BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER AS JOINT MOVE.

3. SAUDI ADHERENCE WEIGHS HEAVILY WITH GOB, I FEEL, AND BAHRAINIS HAVE GENUINE CONCERN ABOUT HIJACKING AND AN UNDERSTANDING THAT CONVENTIONS DO NOT HAVE ANTI-ARAB BIAS.  
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THIS COMBINATION OF FACTORS MAY LEAD GOB TO TAKE THE LEAD WITH OTHER NON-ADHERING GULF STATES. I WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS QUESTION IN FEW WEEKS TIME WITH PARTICULAR VIEW TO LEARNING RESULTS OF ANY GOB DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GULF STATES.  
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